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1. A unit of the 57th Guards Motorized Rifle Division with 22 tanks and an artillery unit entrained at Naumburg on 11 and 17 February respectively. Fourteen tanks coming from the direction of Naumburg entered the barracks installation at Weissenfels on 17 February. A tank component of the 21st Guards Mechanized Division entrained at Halle on 16 February.
2. Approximately 5000 troops, 150 trucks, and numerous tanks of the 6th Guards Tank Division were involved in troop movements observed in an area east of Wittenberg between 15 and 20 February.
3. An anti-tank artillery unit with 16 tanks entrained at Luckenwalde on 17 February.
4. Several troop units, including troops with 12 artillery pieces, entrained at Schwerin on 16 and 17 February, apparently for shipment to the North. The number of troop trains was not determined, but nine or ten trains, carrying troops, tanks, anti-tank guns, and track-laying vehicles, were unloaded at Neubrandenburg on 17-18 February. The troops departed in the direction of Kussow.
5. A unit of soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets and equipped with vehicles belonging to the signal troops of the 4th Mechanized Army entrained on the same train at Eberswalde on 22 February. The headquarters of an anti-tank artillery unit of the 4th Guards Mechanized Army detrained at Doeberitz on the same day.

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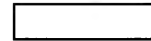
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6. Elements of the headquarters of the 12th Guards Tank Division and some divisional units with heavy mortars, howitzers, rocket launchers, anti-tank guns and field guns were all loaded on one train at Neuruppin on 18 February. Elements of the divisional headquarters returned to Neuruppin on 21 February.
7. A train with troops of the 9th Mechanized Division left Cottbus for Weisswasser on 17 February.

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 Comment: It appears that in mid-February, possibly upon the completion of the recruit training phase at the military posts, units throughout the Soviet Zone embarked on a more intensive training program in which areas outside the known troop-training grounds were also used.

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